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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

**DATE:** February 12, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction  
(MIOCR) Grant Program, Approval and  
Release of the Request for Proposals (RFP).  
Requesting Approval.

**AGENDA ITEM:** C

**ACTION:** X  
**INFORMATION:**

### RESOURCE

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**Summary** This agenda item requests that the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) approve issuance of the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) for the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant program.

**Background** The fiscal year 2014-15 State Budget Act appropriates Recidivism Reduction Funds for MIOCR grants for the purposes of supporting appropriate prevention, intervention, supervision, services and strategies to reduce recidivism in California's mentally ill offender population, as well as improving outcomes for these offenders while continuing public safety. The BSCC must award grants based on a competitive basis to counties consistent with the purpose and intent of language provided in Assembly Bill (AB) 1468, Article 4, Section 6045, as amended (Attachment A). Therefore, half of the local assistance funding will be awarded to projects designed for mentally ill adult offenders and half to projects that target juvenile offenders with mental health issues.

Pursuant to AB1468, grant funds must be awarded to implement locally-developed, collaborative and multidisciplinary projects that provide a cost-effective continuum of responses designed to reduce jail crowding, provide youthful offenders alternatives to detention, reduce crime and criminal justice costs as they relate to the mentally ill and maximize available and/or new local resources for prevention, intervention, detention and aftercare services for adult and juvenile mentally ill offenders, and to provide on-going technical assistance, monitoring, data collection and evaluation oversight for the local grantees.

At its September 11, 2014 meeting, the Board appointed Board Member Chief Probation Officer Michelle Brown (San Bernardino County) and Sheriff Sandra Hutchins (Orange County) as co-chairs of the ESC established to guide development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the MIOCR Grant program, evaluate the proposals, and make funding award recommendations based on the results of the proposal evaluation process. The Board also authorized BSCC staff to work with the Co-Chairs to appoint individuals to the ESC who are subject matter experts on issues related to adult and juvenile mentally ill offenders and from an array of disciplines and community partners. In addition, the Board approved the proposed timeline for the administration of the competitive MIOCR Grant RFP process.

### MIOCR Grant Program RFP

The 12-member ESC (Attachment B) convened on November 18, 2014 to develop recommendations for the Board's consideration on the grant requirements and proposal rating criteria for the MIOCR Grant RFP framed by AB 1468, Article 4, Section 6045. Staff incorporated these recommendations into a draft RFP and distributed it to the ESC members for their review and feedback. This process resulted in a final draft of the RFP (Attachment C), recommended on behalf of the ESC by staff.

**Key Components:**

- The initial grant period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Projects awarded grants through this RFP may continue to receive funding on a non-competitive basis for up to two additional years (12-month grants) contingent on the availability of funding and compliance with all MIOCR Grant program requirements;
- Applications must be developed by the local MIOCR Strategy Committee. Mandatory Committee participants are defined pursuant to AB1468;
- The county must submit the application on behalf of their local Strategy Committee;
- The “targeted cap” or funding guideline per 3-year project application is \$950,000;
- Although funding for projects is for 3-year grants, the applicant must provide a comprehensive 4-year strategic plan within the application;
- County plans must provide a cost-effective continuum of responses and services for mentally ill offenders, including prevention, intervention, and incarceration-based services;
- County plans must include mental health treatment programs, practices, and strategies which demonstrate effectiveness to the target population by citing the evidence-based approach utilized; and
- Each project must provide a minimum 25% match requirement (cash, in-kind or combination).

**RFP and Evaluation Timeline:**

The following MIOCR Grant timeline summarizes the RFP and evaluation process activities:

<b>APPROVED TIMELINE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
February 12, 2015	Present the MIOCR RFP for Board approval
February 13, 2015	Release RFP to field, contingent on approval
April 3, 2015	RFP due to BSCC
April 6 - 13, 2015	Technical compliance/eligibility review of submitted proposals
April 22, 2015	Rater training
April 23 – May 20, 2015	Proposal reading and rating process
May 28, 2015	Development of funding recommendation based on reading/rating process, and review/approval by ESC
June 11, 2015	Present funding recommendations to the Board
July 1, 2015	Contract start date

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) as recommended by the Executive Steering Committee for the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant program and authorize the release of the RFP.

**Attachments:**

- A. Article 4: Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grants (As Amended)
- B. The 12-member Executive Steering Committee Roster
- C. Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Draft Request for Proposals